

ROCKVILLE

Reports

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Calendar of Events

City Events

For more information on many of these events, please refer to the Winter Recreation Guide or log onto www.ci.rockville.md.us.

1,8,15,22

Glenview Mansion Holiday Open Houses. Special activities for children on the 15th. 1-4 p.m. Musical performances Dec. 1 and 8.

1-31

Glenview Mansion Art Gallery Rockville Art League juried members show. More than 100 works of art for a special holiday gift. Info: 240-314-8682.

7,8,14,15

Rockville Civic Ballet, "The Nutcracker." F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre. Box Office 240-314-8690.

8 **Rockville 10K/5K.** 8 a.m. King Farm Village Center. 301-460-8888.

20,21 **National Chamber Orchestra.**

Handel's "Messiah." 8 p.m. Cantate Chamber Singers. Gisele Becker, Guest Conductor. F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre. Tickets: \$37, \$27, \$17. Box Office 240-314-8690.

21 **Off-Leash Dog Testing.** 10 a.m. Middle Lane parking lot. Tests if dogs can be walked without a leash. Call 240-314-8930 to register in advance.

22 **Rockville Concert Band Holiday Concert.** 3 p.m. F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre. Free.

22 **Rockville Community Chorus Holiday Concert.** 7:30 p.m. F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre. Free.

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Teacher Zhwan Aziz provides hands-on instruction as part of the daily curriculum at Twinbrook Discovery day care, which recently became a full-time program.

Youngsters on a Path of Discovery at Twinbrook

Tying their shoes. Writing their names. Reciting colors of the rainbow.

The parents and guardians who choose Twinbrook Discovery day care center in Rockville receive much more than basic childcare for their little ones.

As of this fall, Twinbrook Discovery day care is a licensed full-time program, serving children ages 3 to 5 (pre-kindergarten). When the center first opened in September of 2001, it was launched as a part-time resource. In response to community needs, Twinbrook Discovery now operates from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. for a maximum of 20 children daily.

Not only do these lucky youngsters learn to count and operate a computer, but social lessons in diversity are inherent to the curriculum, as a result of the ever-growing Rockville area population.

"Right now, we have full-time teachers from Trinidad, northern Iraq and Senegal," said Glenda Moultrie, Rockville's Recreation Programs Supervisor. "And the diversity of the students is increasing. Even if they don't speak the same language, the children always

find a way to communicate with each other. It's amazing. They learn so much more."

The program is in the Annex on the grounds of the Twinbrook Recreation Center, at 12920-A Twinbrook Parkway. Because of its location, the children enjoy the resources of the recreation center.

Licensed by the State of Maryland's Child Care Administration, the staff is required to meet education and health requirements. The content of the program must be developmentally appropriate to meet the emotional, social and cognitive needs of the children in care. This also ensures that health and safety requirements are enforced. The teachers are enthusiastic about presenting creative and challenging activities.

Another admirable feature is that the program is offered at a reduced rate to accommodate families that are using subsidies or vouchers. The fee schedule per month for City residents for a child enrolled from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. is \$300; a child that stays until 6 p.m. pays \$450. Non-residents pay \$345 and \$495, respectively. ❖

Redesign of City Web site in the Works

Anyone who has not visited the City of Rockville's Web site lately has been missing out.

Web Administrator Betsy Robbins has worked diligently over the past year to redesign the City's cyber portal and her efforts finally paid off when the new look of the home page was launched in November. The address is www.ci.rockville.md.us.

"The new home page is just the first phase of the site redesign," Robbins said. "You can now find out about City news and highlights right from the home page. I added several new navigating options at the top that organize City information from a user's point of view."

One of the new navigation features is called e-Rockville, which provides users

with access to more than 60 City forms.

But Robbins's job is far from complete. Currently, she is receiving input from a variety of focus groups of residents and City employees. Site visitors also are encouraged to complete an online survey, which is available from the home page.

"I am hoping to find out how easy it is to find information," Robbins said, "and if it's not easy to find, I'm looking for suggestions to improve navigation."

The City's Web site, which is updated several times a day, currently has more than 4,000 pages, and Robbins has lofty plans for improvement. "For example, we're looking to add a permit status section and an online water bill payment option," she said. ❖

Stopping at Red May Save Drivers Some Green

The City of Rockville began operating three cameras on Nov. 1 to enforce red light laws within City limits. These are the first City-maintained cameras in a program that will be expanded as part of the Mayor and Council's initiative to protect pedestrians.

These three cameras will bring the total number of red light cameras now operating in Rockville to five. Montgomery County previously installed cameras at two intersections on county-maintained roads within City limits.

The three City-maintained locations that now have red light cameras are:

- Wootton Parkway at Tower Oaks Boulevard
- Wootton Parkway at Seven Locks Road
- West Gude Drive at Research Boulevard

Violators will be fined \$75, but points will not be assigned to the vehicle owner's driving record (similar to a parking ticket) and insurance companies cannot consider



One new red light camera is on West Gude Drive at Research Boulevard.

these tickets in calculating insurance rates. Failure to pay fines will result in the inability to renew vehicle registration with the Maryland Department of Motor Vehicles. The vehicle owner may simply pay the fine, or request a trial in District Court to contest the violation.

Signs warning of the traffic enforcement measure have been installed on Wootton Parkway and West Gude Drive.



The yellow time between green signals changing to red at all three Rockville intersections is 4.0 seconds and will remain at that interval. Photos of alleged violators are processed in a regional facility operated by Howard County. Every photo taken at a Rockville intersection is reviewed by the Rockville Police Department before it is mailed to the violator.

Information on the program is available on Rockville's Web site at www.ci.rockville.md.us. ❖

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Nature Center

All events take place at the Croydon Creek Nature Center, 852 Avery Road, located in Rockville Civic Center Park. Reservations are required. See the City's Web site or the Winter Recreation Guide for details. For more information, call 240-314-8770.

- 5 Prehistoric Parade.** 9:30-10:30 a.m. Ages 3-6.
- 11 Winter Animals in White.** 10-11 a.m. Ages 3-5.
- 14 For the Birds.** 11 a.m.-12 noon. All ages.
- 17 Snowflakes – A Snowman's Building Block.** 10-11 a.m. Ages 3-6.
- 27 Winter Hike.** 10:30-11:30 a.m. Ages 5 and up.
- 30 Reindeer Games.** 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Ages 7-12.

Do your holiday shopping at:

NATURE NOTIONS

- Field guides • book-marks • journals • t-shirts • denim pencils • stationery • bird calls • tornado in a jar • growing creatures made from recycled materials •

Available at the Croydon Creek Nature Center

For Seniors

Activities take place at the Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Dr., unless noted. For further information, call 240-314-8800.

- 2 Holiday Boutique.** 10 a.m.-12 noon. \$5 members, \$8 nonmembers.
- 4 Blood Pressure Screening.** 10 a.m.-12 noon. Free.
- 4 December Birthday and Holiday Party.** 1:30-3 p.m. Free.
- 7 Rockville Seniors Inc. Holiday Bazaar.** 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- 10 Pneumonia Shots.** 10 a.m.-1 p.m. \$25 or Medicare Part B.
- 10 Blood Pressure Screening.** 10 a.m.-12 noon. Free.
- 11 Diabetic Treatment.** 1-2 p.m. Free.
- 15 Blood Pressure Screening.** 10 a.m.-12 noon. Free.

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City Projects UPDATE

PUBLIC WORKS

TOWN CENTER

Maryland Avenue Extension • Initial survey complete • Extension to be built concurrent with new library • Now looking at design layout of Maryland Avenue north of Beall Avenue

TWINBROOK

Sewer Rehabilitation • Sewer evaluation survey, including flow monitoring, smoke testing and video inspection of underground piping, for the southeastern area of Twinbrook is underway and will continue throughout the fall • Design to be accomplished during winter • Construction planned for spring 2003

WEST END

Brick sidewalks • Laird Street installation completed • Forest Street work has begun

GENERAL PROJECTS

Asphalt Maintenance Program • The FY 2003 project is complete • Minor punch list items are being completed

Bike/Pedestrian Improvements • Route 28 at I-270 and Nelson Street and Route 28 and Great Falls Road planned for spring 2003

Cabin John Sewer Upgrade • Design is underway for sewer upgrade between Montrose Road and Wootton Parkway • Stream restoration is included • Construction planned for spring 2003

Chapman Avenue Water Main Upgrade • Construction completed • Chapman Avenue is to be resurfaced in 2003

Fallsgrove Off-Site Improvements • Intersections to be improved include West Montgomery Avenue and Shady Grove Road (started in September 2002); West Montgomery Ave. and Gude Drive (to be started in winter 2002); Gude Drive and

Gaither Road (to be started in winter 2002); I-270 and Shady Grove Road (to be started in spring 2003); I-270, Route 28 and Nelson St. (to be started in spring 2003); and Gude Drive and Research Blvd.

Mount Vernon SWM • Improvements will be made to Cabin John Creek with modifications to existing storm water management • Construction ongoing • Completion in spring 2003

North Horners Lane Utilities Improvement • Water main upgrade planned between Southlawn Lane and Westmore Avenue • Stream restoration is included • Construction in spring 2003

Tower Oaks Marsh • Marsh on east side of Tower Oaks Boulevard is under design • Construction is planned for spring 2003

Wootton Parkway Improvements • New traffic signal and an extra turn lane are being added on Scott Drive at Wootton Parkway to separate right and left turn movements (construction has begun) • Intersection of Wootton Parkway and Glen Mill Road is being modified so Wootton Parkway continues straight to Darnestown Road • Glen Mill Road will stop at Wootton Parkway

RECREATION & PARKS

HUNGERFORD

Dawson Farm Park • Replacement of wooden bridge and reconstruction of granary in historically sensitive manner and to serve as a park shelter/gazebo • Granary and bridge design began in summer • Projected scheduled for spring 2003 • Public input has been incorporated into design

GENERAL PROJECTS

Beall-Dawson Historical Park • Minor landscaping enhancements • Installation of directional signs • Scheduled for winter 2003

Hurley Avenue Bike Path • Construction scheduled for May 2003

Mary Trumbo Park • Design has been approved for park in East Rockville • Committee has been formed to select artwork • Now seeking proposals

Millennium Trail • Norbeck Road multi-use path from East Gude Drive to Veirs Mill Road in design • Construction scheduled for 2003 • Resurfacing of path along Wootton Parkway from Edmonston Drive to Falls Road scheduled for 2003 • Veirs Mill Road to Edmonston Drive • \$670,000 grant received • Currently under design

North Farm and Potomac Woods • Color coat basketball courts completed

Playground Equipment Improvements • Broome Park, Dogwood Park (picnic area) and Isreal Park playground equipment replacement • Construction is scheduled for winter 2002 • Potomac Woods Park and Rockcrest Park playground equipment replacement • Construction scheduled for spring 2003

Rockville Civic Center Park • Installation of ornamental iron fence along the stone wall beside Baltimore Road completed

Rockville Senior Center • Installation of bocce ball court completed • Expand dining room • Renovate kitchen • Sound-proof card and computer rooms • Currently in design stage • Construction in winter 2003

I-270/Route 28 Bike/Pedestrian Bridge • Separate bridge parallel to Route 28 on south side across I-270 to connect Hurley Ave. and Nelson Street bikeways • Hurley Avenue Trail currently under design • TEA-21 award for \$3,124,421 received from State Highway Administration • Under design • Construction scheduled for summer 2003 • Citizen input continues to be incorporated into design

City of Rockville's Winter Inclement Weather Policy

To find out whether a City meeting or Recreation program has been cancelled due to the winter weather, the following radio and TV stations will broadcast all Rockville City government closings and delays. **Radio:** WTOP Radio (1500 AM, 820 AM, 107.7 FM and 103.5 FM); WARW (94.7 FM); WRQX (107.3 FM). **TV:** WRC-TV (Channel 4); WTTG-Fox TV (Channel 5); and WJLA-TV (Channel 7); and WUSA-TV (Channel 9).

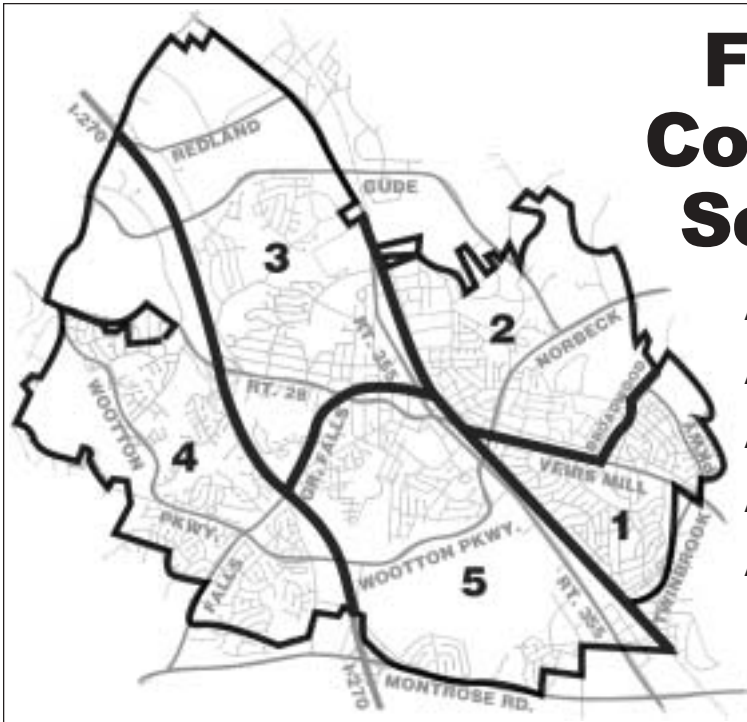
The Rockville Recreation Inclement Weather hotline number is 240-314-5020. ❖

Grants for the Home

Low- and moderate-income Rockville homeowners can apply for grants and loans to make necessary upgrades to their homes through Rockville's Home Improvement Program. This includes upgrades to electrical, plumbing and home heating systems. Funds for the program are provided by Housing and Urban Development through the U.S. Community Development Block Grant Program and are administered by the City's Community Planning and Development Services. Call 240-314-8208 to inquire about eligibility requirements and loan limits. ❖



Let it Roll ... The Rockville Senior Center has a brand new feature, thanks to an idea of George Galasso, Sr. (center, on court). He approached the City with an idea of creating a bocce ball court at the Senior Center, and in October his idea was a reality as Mayor Larry Giammo (standing on court, left) tossed out the first pallino to break-in the new facility. The City's Department of Recreation and Parks researched and worked diligently to create the first bocce ball court in Rockville. Recreation and Parks staff members Joyce Staub, Jill Hall and Mark Kibiloski invested great time and effort to the project.



Fall Leaf Collection Schedule

- Area 1: Nov. 25-Nov. 29
- Area 2: Dec. 2-Dec. 6
- Area 3: Dec. 9-Dec.13
- Area 4: Dec.16-Dec. 20
- Area 5: Dec. 23-Dec. 27

The City of Rockville’s leaf collection program will continue through Dec. 27. Crews will service each area for five consecutive days. After all areas have been serviced, the process will start over, and each area will be served for an additional five days. Use the map and schedule to determine the dates for your area.

DO: Rake leaves into the gutter, or immediately adjacent to the pavement where no curb or gutter exists, by 7 a.m. on Friday of your collection week. Remove limbs, rocks and other heavy objects.

DO NOT: Use any plastic bags. The City’s recycling program will collect leaves and grass that are in biodegradable bags or easily emptied containers.

For collection dates in your area, log on to www.ci.rockville.md.us/dept/leaf.htm, or call 240-314-8570.

In Brief

Rockville 10K/5K Race

The Rockville 10K/5K will continue to be the “oldest continuing road race in Montgomery County” as it has been re-scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 8 – its 27th consecutive year. To register or for more information check out www.mcrrc.org.

CALL **301-460-8888** FOR MORE INFO

A Brrrrrrr Alert

The City Fire Marshal Bill Hamilton reminds residents that cold weather brings with it an increased risk of fire. Remember to keep all combustible materials away from furnaces, water heaters and electric heaters. The heat from the appliances can easily ignite clothes, boxes, etc. Fireplaces and woodstoves create ashes and coals, so after removing ashes and coals, place them in a metal can, with a tight fitting lid – never in a paper bag. Store the metal can outside, away from the home, not in the garage or on a deck. Check smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors weekly, and remember, they make wonderful gifts in this season of giving and sharing.

CALL **240-314-5040** FOR MORE INFO

Winter Recreation Classes

Registration for Winter Recreation Class Programs begins Wednesday, Dec. 4. Some programs the Recreation Department is offering are Aerobics with Attitude, Step Interval, Yoga, Eye Opener Fit Camp, Street Jazz, Global Dance, Hand Painting Wood Furniture, Digital Photography, Stress Management, Clearing Clutter, Cooking with Curry and more.

CALL **240-314-8620** FOR MORE INFO

City Grants Available

Nonprofit agencies providing human services to Rockville residents may receive funds through the City’s annual grant application program. For Fiscal Year 2003, the City awarded grants totaling \$373,000 to 22 programs. The application form for Fiscal Year 2004 may be obtained starting Dec. 6 on www.ci.rockville.md.us or by calling 240-314-8303. The due date for applications is Jan. 22, 2003.

CALL **240-314-8303** FOR MORE INFO

Safe Winter Sidewalks

Now that the cold weather is upon us, Rockville’s Community Enhancement/Code Enforcement Division reminds residents that snow and ice on sidewalks and public paved areas is a hazard for all pedestrians, especially children and older adults.

The City encourages everyone’s assistance to keep the sidewalks clear. The City’s Snow Ordinance requires that snow must be removed from all sidewalks, steps, driveways, parking spaces and the paved right of way sidewalk immediately fronting or abutting a property. This includes access ramps and curb cuts designed for use by persons with disabilities.

Snow and ice removal must occur within 24 hours if the snowfall is less than 3 inches and within 48 hours if it surpasses 3 inches.

CALL **240-314-8330** FOR MORE INFO

Beall-Dawson Holiday Tours

From Dec. 3 through Jan. 5, visitors are welcome to explore the holiday magic at the Beall-Dawson House at 103 West Montgomery Ave. The 1930s theme will feature holiday greeting cards from the Montgomery County Historical Society. All tours end with hot spiced cider and homemade cookies.

Tours are given Tuesday through Sunday from 12 noon to 4 p.m. The last tour of each day begins at 3:15 p.m. Tours are free to members and cost \$3 for nonmembers. Groups of 10 or more are encouraged to call ahead of time.

CALL **301-763-1492** FOR MORE INFO

Peerless Holiday Open House

The Peerless Rockville Holiday Open House is Wednesday, Dec. 4, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the historic Red Brick Courthouse. Tour the 1891 courthouse, see the latest additions to the collection, and find unique holiday gifts. It’s free and open to the public. For information check www.peerlessrockville.org.

CALL **301-762-0096** FOR MORE INFO

Rec & Parks Musical Trip

The City’s Department of Recreation and Parks is sponsoring a trip to see the U.S. Army Orchestra with special guest Kathy Mattea at D.A.R. Constitution Hall in Washington on Sunday, Dec. 15. Transportation leaves City Hall at 1 p.m. that day. The fee is \$15 for residents and \$18 for nonresidents.

CALL **240-314-8614** FOR MORE INFO

Para Ud.

Tres Nuevas Cámaras Para Detectar Infraccioned de Luz Roja

El 1 de noviembre comenzaron a funcionar tres cámaras para hacer cumplir las leyes de luz roja dentro de los límites de la Ciudad de Rockville. Estas son las primeras cámaras mantenidas por la Ciudad en el marco de un programa que se ampliará como parte de la iniciativa del Alcalde y el Consejo para proteger a los peatones.

Estas tres cámaras, sumadas a las dos que ya funcionaban en Rockville, llevaron a cinco el número total de cámaras en operación. El Condado de Montgomery instaló anteriormente las cámaras en dos intersecciones en los caminos que mantiene el Condado dentro de los límites de la ciudad.

Las tres ubicaciones de las cámaras que mantiene la Ciudad para detectar infracciones de luz roja son:

- Wootton Parkway y Tower Oaks Boulevard
- Wootton Parkway y Seven Locks Road
- West Gude Drive y Research Boulevard

Los infractores serán multados con \$75, pero no se asignarán puntos al registro de conducir del dueño de vehículo (similar a una boleta de estacionamiento —parking ticket—) y las aseguradoras no considerarán estas boletas al calcular las tasas de seguro. El incumplimiento en el pago de las multas impedirá renovar el registro del vehículo con el Departamento de Vehículos Automotores de Maryland. El dueño del vehículo puede simplemente pagar la multa o solicitar un juicio para impugnar la infracción ante el Tribunal del Distrito.

La información sobre el programa está disponible en el sitio de Rockville en la Internet en: www.ci.rockville.md.us

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Any individuals with disabilities who would like to receive the information in this publication in another form may contact the ADA Coordinator at 240-314-8100; TTY 240-314-8137.

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16 Hormones for Women. 1-2:30 p.m. Free.

16 Classical Music with Murray, “A Musical Festival of Lights,” 1-2:30 p.m. Registration required. Free.

17 Long Term Care Insurance. 10-11:30 a.m. Free.

19 Sleep Disorders. 1-2:30 p.m.

20 Holiday Fresh Greens Workshop. 1-3 p.m. Register by Dec. 11. \$17 members/\$22 nonmembers.

23 Blood Pressure Screening. 10 a.m.-12 noon. Free.

For Teens

Now accepting enrollment for the Civiteens Program. It is open to teens ages 15-23 with learning disabilities. Trips held on weekends. Membership cost is \$45 for residents and \$55 for non-residents. Additional fees required based on trips. Call 240-314-8634 for details. See Fall Recreation Guide for trip information.

3,10,17 Teen Lounge. Lincoln Park Comm. Center. For teens grades 6-12 from 6:30-9 p.m. Drop-in. Movies, billiards, ping-pong, PlayStation, refreshments and more. Free.

4,11,18 Montrose Teen Activity Center. Open for grades 6-12 from 6-9 p.m. Billiards, ping pong, Nintendo, foosball, snack bar and more. Free.

5,12,19 Teen Lounge. Elwood Smith Comm. Center. Students in grades 6-12; 7:30-9:30 p.m. Free.

RSF Seeking Volunteers

The **ROCKVILLE SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION, INC.**, is seeking two to three Rockville residents to volunteer with the organization as it prepares its annual scholarship awards.

The Foundation is a partnership between the City of Rockville, Montgomery College and the Rockville Chamber of Commerce. Each year the Foundation awards three to five academic scholarships to students to pursue their post-secondary education.

The Foundation traditionally meets twice monthly in the spring to prepare for the awards ceremony. Please contact 240-314-8280 for more information.

Holiday Happenings in Rockville

WHAT: Rockville Seniors Inc. Holiday Bazaar
WHEN: Dec. 7; 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
WHERE: Senior Center
1150 Carnation Drive
DETAILS: Craft show; raffle; indoor yard sale; computer sale; plant sale; homemade food; Carnation Café, Gift Shop and Thrift Shop open.
INFO: 240-314-8800



WHAT: Glenview Mansion Holiday Open Houses
WHEN: Dec. 1, 8, 15*, 22; 1-4 p.m.
WHERE: Civic Center Park
603 Edmonston Drive
DETAILS: Free. Entire house decorated for the holidays; Musical performances Dec. 1 and 8; *Special activities for children on 15th
INFO: 240-314-8660



WHAT: Rockville Art League Juried Members Show
WHEN: Dec. 1-31
WHERE: Glenview Mansion Gallery
Rockville Civic Center Park
603 Edmonston Drive
DETAILS: Free. More than 100 works of art for a special holiday gift.
INFO: 240-314-8682



WHAT: Rockville Civic Ballet Performs "The Nutcracker"
WHEN: Dec. 7 & 14, 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Dec. 8, 1 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.; Dec. 15 at 2:30 p.m.
WHERE: F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre
Rockville Civic Center Park
603 Edmonston Drive
DETAILS: Call box office ahead of time for best seating available.
TICKETS: \$7 (general); \$5 (children 12-under; senior citizens 60-over). 240-314-8690



WHAT: National Chamber Orchestra Performs Handel's "Messiah"
WHEN: Dec. 20, 21 at 8 p.m.
WHERE: F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre
Rockville Civic Center Park
603 Edmonston Drive
DETAILS: Gisele Becker, Guest Conductor; Rosa Lamoreaux, Soprano; Roger Isaac, Counter Tenor; Bryce Westervelt, Tenor; Thomas Stork, Bass; Cantate Chamber Singers
TICKETS: \$37, \$27, \$17. 240-314-8690



WHAT: Rockville Concert Band Holiday Concert
WHEN: Dec. 22, 3 p.m.
WHERE: F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre
Rockville Civic Center Park
603 Edmonston Drive
DETAILS: Event is free; no tickets required. 240-314-5004



WHAT: Rockville Community Chorus Holiday Concert
WHEN: Dec. 22, 7:30 p.m.
WHERE: F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre
Rockville Civic Center Park
603 Edmonston Drive
DETAILS: Event is free; no tickets required. 240-314-5004



Inside City Hall Meetings, Commissions, Highlights, etc.

Note: Please view www.ci.rockville.md.us for Mayor and Council meeting minutes and agendas

Mayor and Council Meetings

All General and Work Sessions and Public Hearings are televised on The Rockville Channel.

- Dec. 9 (Mon.): General Session, 7:30 p.m.
- Dec. 16 (Mon.) Public Hearing and Work Session, 7:30 p.m.

Mayor and Council Drop-In

The Mayor and one member of the Council are available to meet with residents on a drop-in basis in the Mayor and Council office at City Hall from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on Mondays when there is a General Session or Public Hearing. Call the City Clerk's Office (240-314-8280) as drop-in times are subject to change.



Councilmember Susan Hoffmann

In addition to Mayor Larry Giammo, Councilmembers scheduled for December are:

- Dec. 9 (Mon.): Susan Hoffmann
- Dec. 16 (Mon.): Anne Robbins

Boards & Commissions Vacancies

The City is seeking volunteers for the following:

- Commission on Environment (new)
- Cultural Arts Commission
- Human Rights Commission
- Human Services Advisory Commission (one for consumer representative)
- Landlord/Tenant (one for landlord)
- Retirement Board

For more information, contact the Office of the City Clerk at 240-314-8280.

Boards & Commissions Calendar

All meetings are at City Hall unless noted. All Planning Commission meetings are televised live on The Rockville Channel.

Rockville Up Close: New Mark Commons

Residents help shape Rockville through involvement with neighborhood and civic associations and participation on Mayor and Council-appointed Boards and Commissions. On a regular basis, Rockville Up Close will take an in-depth look at these organizations.

On Nov. 23, the Garden Club of New Mark Commons dedicated a Nellie Stevens Holly tree with an engraved decorative boulder at the foot, in remembrance of Sept. 11, 2001, on the banks of Lake New Mark.

For the project, the club received a \$450 Matching Grant from the City of Rockville's Neighborhood Resources Program to help fund the memorial.

"The Matching Grant program is for neighborhoods to come together creatively to enhance their community," said Telly Whitfield, Neighborhood Resources Coordinator. "By choosing to remember the events of Sept. 11, residents of New Mark have not only shown a commitment to their neighborhood, but reminded us that we are all part of a greater community. It should be showcased as a model for the City."

Members who were involved in the remembrance project were former President

Rose Sharkey, current President Laura Pierron, Hans and Toni Schierling, Geri Misner, current Vice President Patricia Polster, Susan Klise and Board President and Administrator Jim Denny.

Founded in 1995 after interest by Helen Reed, Linda Silversmith and Hans Schierling, the 19-member club meets monthly and routinely invites speakers from such organizations as the Smithsonian,

Agricultural Extension Service and others to discuss topics of interest to gardeners such as shade and perennial gardening, fighting the deer battle and wildflowers in the suburbs.

The club was instrumental in the development of the City's Millennium Garden located at the corner of Potomac Valley Way and Maryland Avenue/Falls Road. It also holds an annual Mother's Day sale.

Noted for its creativity and design, the club received a distinguished award from National Capital Area Federation of Garden Clubs for the landscape design at the steps in New Mark Commons that lead from the Esplanade to the lake.



Linda Silversmith, Laura Pierron, Helen Reed, Patricia Polster and Toni and Hans Schierling stand in front of their newly planted Nellie Stevens Holly tree.

- Dec. 4 (Wed.) Planning Commission, 7 p.m.
- Dec. 4 (Wed.) Human Rights Commission, 7:30 p.m.
- Dec. 7 (Sat.) Board of Appeals, 9:30 a.m.
- Dec. 10 (Tues.) Human Services Advisory Commission, Community Svcs. Office, 32 Courthouse Sq., 7:30 p.m.
- Dec. 11 (Wed.) Cultural Arts Commission, 7:30 p.m.
- Dec. 16 (Mon.) Sign Review Board, 4 p.m.

- Dec. 17 (Tues.) Rockville Seniors Inc., Senior Center Board Room, 1 p.m.
- Dec. 18 (Wed.) Planning Commission, 7 p.m.
- Dec. 19 (Thurs.) Rockville Sister City Corporation, 7:30 p.m.
- Dec. 19 (Thurs.) Historic District Commission, 7 p.m.
- Dec. 19 (Thurs.) Senior Citizen Commission, Rockville Senior Center, 10 a.m.

TRC 11	THE ROCKVILLE CHANNEL DECEMBER PROGRAMMING SCHEDULE						
	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
12 midnight until meeting ends	Planning Commission ▼	Mayor & Council ▼	Mayor & Council ▼	Mayor & Council ▼	Mayor & Council ▼	Mayor & Council ▼	Planning Commission ▼
6 am	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report
6:30 am	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline
7 am	Decked Halls	Preserving the Past	Caregivers (Adult Homeless)	Preserving the Past	Annual Report	Cultural Diversity	Decked Halls
7:30 am	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review
8 am	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report
8:30 am	Mayor & Council	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Mayor & Council
9 am	▼	Caregivers (Adult Homeless)	The Nutcracker	Caregivers (Adult Homeless)	The Nutcracker	Annual Report	▼
9:30 am	▼	Annual Report	▼	Annual Report	▼	Cultural Diversity	▼
10 am	▼	Preserving the Past	▼	Preserving the Past	▼	Preserving the Past	▼
10:30 am	▼	Cultural Diversity	▼	Cultural Diversity	▼	Caregivers (Adult Homeless)	▼
11 am	Cityline	Decked Halls	Decked Halls	Decked Halls	Decked Halls	Decked Halls	Cityline
11:30 am	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review
12 noon	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report
12:30 pm	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline
1 pm until meeting ends	Mayor & Council	Planning Commission	Mayor & Council	Mayor & Council	Planning Commission	Mayor & Council	Planning Commission
4 pm	The Nutcracker	▼	Preserving the Past	Preserving the Past	▼	The Nutcracker	▼
4:30 pm	▼	Cultural Diversity	Caregivers (Adult Homeless)	Caregivers (Adult Homeless)	Cultural Diversity	▼	Preserving the Past
5 pm	▼	Preserving the Past	Cultural Diversity	Cultural Diversity	Preserving the Past	▼	Annual Report
5:30 pm	Decked Halls	Decked Halls	Annual Report	Annual Report	Decked Halls	Decked Halls	Caregivers (Adult Homeless)
6 pm	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report
6:30 pm	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review
7 pm	Planning Commission	Decked Halls	Decked Halls	Planning Commission	Decked Halls	Decked Halls	Decked Halls
7:30 pm	▼	Mayor & Council	Caregivers (Adult Homeless)	▼	Caregivers (Adult Homeless)	Mayor & Council	The Nutcracker
8 pm	▼	▼	Annual Report	▼	Annual Report	▼	▼
8:30 pm	▼	▼	Preserving the Past	▼	Preserving the Past	▼	▼
9 pm	▼	▼	Cultural Diversity	▼	Cultural Diversity	▼	Annual Report
9:30 pm	▼	▼	Cityline	▼	Cityline	▼	Cityline
10 pm	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report
10:30 pm	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review
11 pm	Cultural Diversity	Cultural Diversity	Preserving the Past	Annual Report	Preserving the Past	Annual Report	Caregivers (Adult Homeless)
11:30 pm	Decked Halls	Decked Halls	Decked Halls	Decked Halls	Decked Halls	Decked Halls	Decked Halls